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HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDES RESOURCES TO THOSE IN NEED

(Bel Air, MD - December 9, 2008) - - With the holiday season upon us, many of us are consumed with preparations - baking, decorating, shopping, etc. However, there are those in our community who are only concerned with finding the money to heat their home, coats to keep them warm, food to feed their family and a way to keep the roof over their head.

Each year, the Harford County Department of Community Services works with community and faith-based agencies to help those in need. When tough times happen to families, the department works with partners to make sure funding can be accessed at various locations throughout the County. Through partnerships, essential services are provided such as food banks, soup kitchens, eviction prevention and rental support, clothing closets and furniture/household materials, school and infant supplies, utility assistance and job training.

Individuals or families in search of resources to assist with challenges/struggles in the areas of eviction prevention, rental assistance, energy/fuel assistance or emergency food, please contact the following human service agencies for program details, income and screening guidelines and referrals:

Edgewood/Abingdon area: Harford Community Action Agency; St Francis de Sales Church

Havre de Grace/Aberdeen area: Salvation Army; Inner County Outreach

Northern Harford County area: Mason-Dixon Community Services

County-wide assistance is also available from the Department of Social Services and the Harford County Housing Agency.

Details about each agency, as well as other agencies offering assistance, can be found within the Harford County's Resource Guide, at
<http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/services/guide.cfm>.

To learn more about available resources, call the Harford County Department of Community Services at 410-638-3389.